## COVID-19 Impact on EUROCONTROL Member States

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## **United Kingdom**

### Loss of flights

-1.0M (-71%)

Dep/Arr flights vs. 2019 since 1<sup>st</sup> March

# Loss of Passengers<sup>1</sup> -158M (-83%)

2020 vs. 2019

### Total economy GDP<sup>2</sup>

-9.5%

2020 vs. 2019

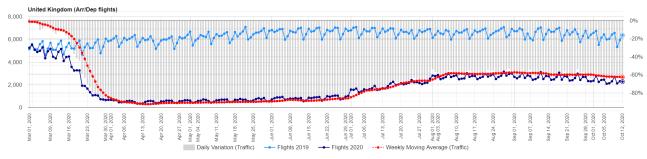
## Total job losses<sup>3</sup> -700k

Since March 2020

### **Key facts:**

Flights last week vs. 2019:

- Heathrow -57%
- Gatwick -82%
  - Ryanair -58%
- British Airways -60%
- EasyJet -74%
- Domestic flows -53%
  - European flows -62%



- **COVID Crisis/Economy:** UK has been badly affected by the COVID crisis. UK is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> worldwide in terms of deaths<sup>4</sup>. Economy is severely impacted with an expected GDP decrease of 9.5% in 2020.
- Traffic: Traffic started to decrease on 17 March reaching -92% of 2019 mid-April. It slowly bounced back to reach -58% during the first week of August. The top traffic was reached on 28 August with 3,154 departing /arriving flights. Overall, UK is the European country having experienced the highest loss of traffic with -1M flights since March compared to 2019 and an overall loss of 158M passengers.
- Airports: Heathrow is by far the top airport in the UK with 585 average movements per day over the last week (still operating at -57% compared to last year). Gatwick was the 5<sup>th</sup> UK airport for that week compared to the same week in 2019 where it was 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Aircraft Operators: Ryanair has been the first major airline to restart flying in the UK through various steps (on 1<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August). Since then, it has been decreasing, reaching -58%. easyJet started later, was close to Ryanair in August and September but decreased more in October, reaching -74%. British Airways restarted also in July and made a big step up in October, operating at -60% last week.
- Market segments: All cargo remained stable. Non-scheduled were less affected than Traditional or Low Cost. Business aviation recovered quicker but situation deteriorated in September.
- Traffic flows: Domestic flows remain the top flows (-53% over 2019) followed by flows from/to Spain, Germany, Italy and Turkey. Top non-European flows are with North-Atlantic, Middle-East and Asia-Pacific.

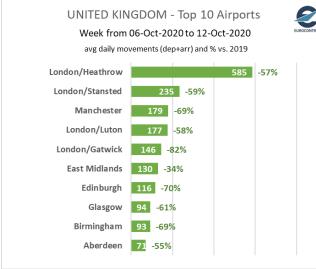


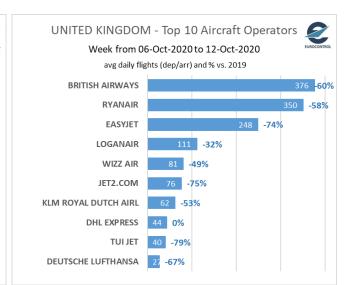


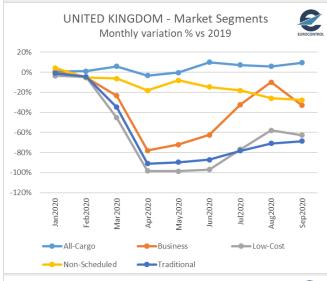
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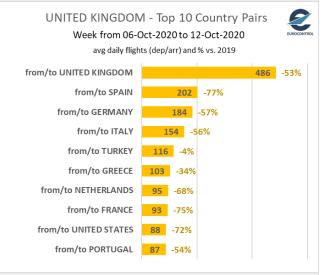
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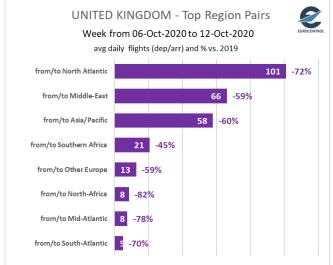
















#### Data Sources:

1 ACL

<sup>2</sup> Oxford Economics.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Bloomberg (16 September 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> John Hopkins University.